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Snack Bars in US Army Hospitals - - - - - Section I
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SECTION I. SNACK BARS IN US ARMY HOSPITALS

In view of the present demand for foodstuffs not only by the military, but civilians as well, snack bars operated by the American Red Cross in Army hospitals and the distribution of other food products, such as doughnuts and coffee, will be discontinued. Patients in hospitals are drawing an ample ration, and the functions of the American Red Cross in hospitals do not include the preparation and furnishing of food to patients. The conservation of food is a "must", and if proper means are not taken within its installations to support this program, just criticism may be aimed at the Medical Department. Steps will be taken immediately to discontinue this unauthorized function of the American Red Cross in Army hospitals.

SECTION II. CHEST SURVEY OF RAMP AND DISPLACED CIVILIANS

1. Pulmonary tuberculosis of a virulent order has proved a serious problem among displaced civilians of all nationalities. The magnitude of this problem cannot be estimated at this time. It is probable that Recovered Allied Military Personnel will show an incidence of tuberculosis well above the experience of the Theater. It is imperative to establish the gravity of the situation.

2. All displaced civilians and Recovered Allied Military Personnel admitted to hospitals of the United States Army will be carefully surveyed with this thought in mind. History, physical examination, appropriate laboratory studies, and, when indicated, x-ray of the chest, will be made on all such subjects, insofar as facilities permit. Due to film shortage, x-rays will not be taken routinely.

SECTION III. AMENDMENT TO AND RESCISSION OF CURRENT DIRECTIVES

1. Par 3a(2), Circular Letter No. 147, Off Ch Surg, "Artificial Eye Procurement", 30 December 1944, is amended by the addition of the following:

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76th Gen Hosp - Liege
191st Gen Hosp - Paris
242nd Gen Hosp - Sissonne

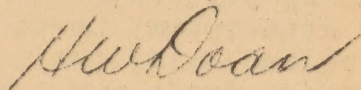
2. Par 5, Circular Letter No. 2, Off Ch Surg, "Disposition of U.S. Army Air Force Personnel in U.S. Army Hospitals", 4 January 1945, is amended by the deletion of the following sentences:

"An exception will be made when records or allied papers contain statements which are detrimental to the individual. In such instances the records and allied papers will be forwarded by the most expeditious means other than entrusting them to the individual. Statements as to date and method of forwarding, together with copies of Special Orders, will accompany individual and will be delivered to Commanding Officer concerned on arrival."

3. Section I, Circular Letter No. 35, Off Ch Surg, "Elective Surgery", 15 April 1945, is rescinded.

4. Circular Letter No. 108, Off Ch Surg, "Records and Equipment to Accompany Military Personnel Upon Transfer from U.S. Army Hospitals to Replacement System Depots", 25 August 1944, is rescinded. Attention is invited to Circular #49, Hq ETOUSA, 29 April 1945.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:



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